

### **Amendments to the Specification**

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]his is a nationalization of," insert the following heading:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he present invention relates to," insert the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of Invention

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[f]ilters of this kind are known," insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 2, before the paragraph beginning with "[i]t is therefore the object of the present invention," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]his object is solved" with the following replacement paragraph:

This object is solved by a filter ~~in accordance with~~  
~~claim 1~~ as described herein. Accordingly, the filter material is  
encompassed between the outer sheath and the intermediate layer.  
The advantage is achieved by the connecting of the filter material  
to a side of the outer sheath that the occurrence of dead spaces  
can be prevented at least on this side and the available space of  
the filter is used correspondingly better. Furthermore, at least  
one contact side of the filter can be made without stubs, which is  
of advantage for the centrifuging.

At specification page 6, before the paragraph beginning  
with "[f]urther details and advantages of the invention," insert  
the following heading:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At specification page 7, before the paragraph beginning  
with "[f]igure 1 shows," insert the following heading and  
paragraph:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention  
will become apparent from the detailed description given  
hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed  
description and specific examples, while indicating preferred  
embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration  
only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and

scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 7, replace the paragraph beginning with "[f]igure 1 shows" with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 1 shows the leucocyte filter 10 in accordance with the invention in a side view. It has an outer sheath consisting of the foils 12, 14. The foils 12, 14 are made in flexible form ~~ad~~ and consist of PVC. The outer foil 14 is welded to the inlet stub 20 which has two limbs which are arranged at right angles to one another and of which the limb welded to the foil 14 extends perpendicular thereto, whereas the other limb extends substantially parallel to the outer foil 14.

At specification page 10, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

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At specification page 1/3 (i.e., the first claims page),  
replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

~~Claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: